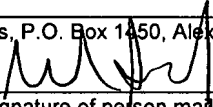


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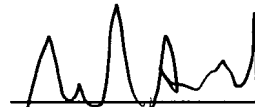
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Copies of the above-identified foreign documents are enclosed, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. German patent document DE 25 229 35 also contains a full English translation.

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